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1. WHEN WE CONTACTED DOZ, SECRETARY OF ECAC, EARLIER THIS WEEK CONCERNING OUTLOOK FOR ECAC PRESIDENCY FOLLOWING REFTEL REPORT OF VERES' REPLACEMENT AS PORTUGUESE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA), DOZ SAID VERES HAD TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENCE LAST WEEK THAT HE EXPECTED BE REPLACED SHORTLY AS DGCA. HOWEVER, DOZ HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM VERES ON THIS MATTER AND, INDEED, THROUGH BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK VERES HAD CONTINUED CONDUCT ECAC BUSINESS AS USUAL IN TELEX CORRESPONDENCE WITH SECRETARIAT.

2. DOZ HAS SINCE TOLD US THAT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH VERES FEB. 19 HE MENTIONED REPORT OF VERES' REPLACEMENT HE HAD LEARNED FROM US AND VERES CONFIRMED THAT NEW DGCA HAD IN FACT BEEN IN PLACE SINCE FEB. 17. VERES APPARENTLY EXPRESSED SOME ANNOYANCE THAT AMEMBASSY LISBON HAD REPORTED CONVERSATION WHICH HAD GOTTEN BACK TO ECAC SECRETARIAT IN THIS FASHION. VERES THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT UPON BEING INFORMED OF HIS REPLACEMENT AS DGCA HE HAD BEEN ABOUT TO SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION AS ECAC PRESIDENT WHEN HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS MINISTER NOT TO DO SO AND WAS TOLD TO REMAIN ON AS ECAC PRESIDENT "PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS".

3. DOZ SAID THAT IF VERES DOES NOT RESIGN PRESIDENCY, STILL HAS CONFIDENCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND IS MATERIALLY ABLE TO CONTINUE DISCHARGING DUTIES OF PRESIDENT INVOLVING FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH SECRETARIAT AND ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS GUIDING SECRETARIAT ACTION, THEN THERE IS LIKELY TO BE NO OBJECTION FROM ECAC SIDE TO HIS REMAINING IN OFFICE. VERES IS VERY POPULAR AND HIGHLY RESPECTED AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES WITHIN ECAC. MOREOVER, NOTED DOZ, NOTHING IN ECAC CONSTITUTION STIPULATES THAT PRESIDENT HAS TO BE A DGCA; IN FACT, THERE IS PRECEDENT IN PRESIDENCY OF AZCARRAGA OF SPAIN WHO REMAINED ON AS ECAC PRESIDENT IN LATE SIXTIES WHEN HE WAS NO LONGER DGCA IN SPAIN (THOUGH APPARENTLY HE DID RETAIN SOME AEROSPACE FUNCTION WITHIN GOS). DOZ STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT ECAC PRESIDENT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTED IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, AND OFFICE IS NOT ONE TO WHICH GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY FROM WHICH PRESIDENT COMES HAS CLAIM IF INCUMBENT SHOULD VACATE OFFICE FOR ANY REASON PRIOR EXPIRATION OF THREE-YEAR TERM. (VERES' TERM EXPIRES IN JUNE 1976.) IF VERES SHOULD AT ANY TIME STEP DOWN AS ECAC PRESIDENT, OFFICE WOULD THEN MOST LIKELY GO TO HANS RABEN, DGCA OF THE NETHERLANDS, WHO IS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF ECAC.

4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING ANY COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.
AND/OR CAB MAY CONTEMPLATE SENDING TO ECAC IN NEAR
FUTURE (E.G., RESPONSE TO VERES MESSAGE CONTAINED
PARIS 3827) SHOULD STILL BE ADDRESSED TO VERES IN
HIS CAPACITY AS ECAC PRESIDENT. SUCH MESSAGES SHOULD,
AS IN THE PAST, BE FORWARDED BY EMBASSY VIA ECAC
SECRETARIAT HERE IN PARIS.
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